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In the Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A network request method comprising:

receiving a network request to process input including a resource identifier;

determining that said resource identifier is unavailable for registration;

providing a user with an interface to one of a perform a resource identifier aftermarket request and one of an access and display aftermarket status of said resource identifier, wherein said aftermarket request is at least one of a back-order request, auction request, bid request, appraisal request, registrar transfer request, aftermarket listing request, identifier status monitoring request, and expiry time remaining request; and,

performing said network request ~~independent of said providing said interface~~ at any time after said receiving said network request ~~to process said input~~ independent of said providing said user with said interface.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A method, as set forth in claim 12, further including inputting said resource identifier from a user interface element.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method, as set forth in claim 13, wherein said inputting said resource identifier from a user interface element includes inputting said resource identifier into one of a one of a browser location field, text box object, command line, speech to text interface, optical recognition interface, and magnetic recognition interface.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A method, as set forth in claim 12, further including performing said resource identifier aftermarket request.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method, as set forth in claim ~~12~~ 15, wherein said providing said user with said interface includes providing a user with an interface in response to determining that said resource identifier is unavailable for registration. ~~performing said resource identifier aftermarket request includes performing one of an auction request, bid request, appraisal request, registrar transfer request, listing request, identifier monitoring request, pre-order request, WHOIS request, and expiry time remaining request corresponding to at least a portion of said resource identifier.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein said providing said user with

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said interface includes automatically providing said user with said interface in response to said receiving said network request to process said input.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein said receiving said network request to process said input includes receiving one of a resource location request, search engine request, resource identifier registration request, and resource identifier availability request.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A network request method comprising:

receiving a network request to process input including a resource identifier;

determining that said resource identifier is unavailable for registration;

determining from a back-order registry whether the resource identifier is back-ordered, wherein a registrant of said back-ordered resource identifier can automatically register or compete to register the resource identifier when the resource identifier is no longer unavailable for registration;

providing a back-order registration form upon said determining that the resource identifier is not back-ordered;

determining whether to notify a user when the resource identifier is no longer back-ordered or will no longer be is not back-ordered upon said determining that the resource identifier is back-ordered; and,

performing said network request at any time after said receiving said network request to process said input independent of said determining whether the resource identifier is back-ordered.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method, as set forth in claim 19, further including retrieving a back-order registration record upon said determining that the resource identifier is back-ordered.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A method, as set forth in claim 19, further including adding the resource identifier to a back-order watch list of said user when it is determined to notify said user when the resource identifier is not back-ordered;

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said receiving said network request to process said input includes receiving one of a resource location request, search engine request, resource identifier registration request, and resource identifier availability request.

Claim 23 (new): A method, as set forth in claim 19, wherein said determining whether the resource identifier is back-ordered includes determining from a back-order registry whether the resource identifier

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is back-ordered in response to determining that said resource identifier is unavailable for registration.